

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TRINITY

Thursday (3/04)

5:00 Community Table.
6:30 Cub Scouts.

Friday (3/05)

10:00 Red Cross Bloodmobile.
6:00 A.A..

Saturday (3/06)

Installing Sound Treatment in Fellowship Hall.
7:00 Meth. Anonymous.

Devotional and Luncheon

Each Wednesday through March 31 we will have a short worship service in the sanctuary beginning at 12:05 p.m. and then go to our Fellowship Hall for our lunch. This is a community event and we encourage everyone to come and participate in this annual event as we get ready for Easter.

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Men's Tuesday night

Bible Study

Meets Weekly

Men's Bible Study on Tuesday Night @ 6:30. We will use the video resource "That the World may Know - The Promised Land." This study will be taught from the Biblical sights, with Bible teacher Ray Vander Laan. We will discover how God guided his people to a specific place - the Promised Land - to impact the world both ancient and today. (Standing at the crossroads @ Tel Gezer, Wet feet @ Jordan River, First fruits @ Tel Jericho, Confronting evil @ Tel Beth Shemesh, and Iron of culture @ Tel Azekah)

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OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT: Trinity Church is a people exalting God, growing in discipleship, reaching our community while caring and serving as Jesus did.

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Sundays at Trinity

8:15 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

9:15 FELLOWSHIP IN NARTHEX

9:30 SMALL GROUPS

10:39 MODERN WORSHIP

4:30 YOUTH

4:30 SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

6:30 AL-A-NON

7:00 AA MEETING

Sunday Morning Bread

The Peacemakers (Elementary Youth Group) will be selling homemade bread on Sunday mornings during Lent.

I appreciated Wendy Rilling LeBolt's devotional in Sunday, February 28, 2010's Upper Room. She did a good job reminding us that it is easy to miss the growth that is taking place in our hearts and souls.

She wrote: "The Lenten season is upon us again. Where I live in the northern hemisphere, Lent arrives every year with spring — same season, same stories. We know the stories, and we know how they end. How can we be made new amidst all this sameness? I wonder. In a nostalgic moment, I sifted through some of my old journals, pausing to read entries from about this time last year. Speaking to me from those pages was the trustworthy answer: I am not the same. The story doesn't change: we do. The heart that I had bared in last year's journaling bears little resemblance to the one which pours out from my pen this year. Only because of the constancy of the backdrop of seasons could I see the transformation that had occurred. What is new is the me that I bring to the stories of the season. I had moved in God's direction, surely by God's design. What better promise could I ever have for the future? For forever?"



As we move from white frozen ground outside to soggy greenish brown emerging through the semi-frozen white ground, we can at least walk outside without the necessity of donning winter coats bundled so tightly that we don't want to move a lot. The weather is changing, and it looks to be upwards of around 40 for the coming week. During this season of Lent, we also want to monitor how we are growing closer to God, and how our hearts are warming growing in love with Christ, empowered by God's Spirit. The early Methodists knew that growing in grace was about growing closer to God and to neighbor. That one's personal spiritual growth, propelled one in acts of service to his or her community.

During our Sunday mornings we have been challenged to see those distractions of life, as God's detours. We have been challenged to identify and even adjust the lens which we look through. How are we doing at growing in our faith this season of Lent, as compared to previous years? March 21 will be here before we know it. It will be an exciting day of service to the Lord, as we look to do our worship in service during our regular time we have set aside to worship. Let us continue to be aware of our growth during this Lenten season.

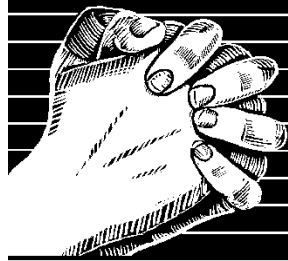
Take some time to read 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, and let us always remember that, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." -Hebrews 13:8 (NRSV)

Growing with you!

Pastor

Scott

PRAYER



REQUESTS

Terina Abel, Phil Alexander, Gertrude Arnold, Anna Bailey, Eden Banks, Charlotte Bedson, Maxine Berhalter, Kyle Bloom, Jean Bonecutter, Sandra Boulby, Floyd Burnworth, Kitty Burnworth, Virginia Buttermore, Jim Chaffins, Diane Claybaugh, Jan Corbin, Fred Cornett, Del & Mary Cortner's son, Eleanor Davis, Diehl Family, Ben Earley, Marvin Fager, Donni Frain, Beth Friskney, Jason Gienger, Oryan

Gipson, Todd Gipson, Sarah Grismore, Mac and Helen Grossman, Doug Haddock, Beth Hager, Wayne Hartigan, David Haskins, Raven Hensley, Brad Huff, Kathy James, Mike Johnson, The Family of Phil Johnson, Virginia Kirschner, Todd Kline, Lois Kruger, Evan Lash, Kara Lilly, Kenneth Marks, The Family of Luella McClish, Austin McCormick, Bill McGuire, Cindy Mercer, Peggy Messer, Phil Ogden, Annie Pratt, Patricia Faye Pulis, Mary Pyle, Ashley Rhinehart, Evelyn Rice, Martha Ringler, Betty Rinker, Adam Ross, Nanette Russell, Justin Scher, Kim Shatto, Joan Shippy, Jeff Sonne (Auto accident), Karen Steelman, Sean Tarney, Tina Terry, Bob Vale, Deena Vale, Betty VanWinkle, Becky & Emily Winstrom, Vi Woujas, Sharon Woods, Cousin, Jerry, with Colon Cancer, Brother who has cancer; Grandson who has brain cancer, Mom who is in hospital with heart problems, Sister who fractured her shoulder, Myself, Son and Daughter, my Mother-in-law with Parkinson's, My Family, Tammy, Father-in-law, Someone going through many changes in their life, Friend going through tough situations, A Job for my Sons and all in need of work, My Mom, Sister—Jean—In Indianapolis who has lost job and is currently unemployed, The people affected by the Earthquake in Haiti.

Lenten Devotionals Available

We have copies of the Lenten Devotional "Faith In Action—Be the Church" available in the church office. The Devotional Books are \$7.00 each. Pick up a copy to use during Lent.

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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME CHANGES SUNDAY, MARCH 14TH (Spring Forward...)

Don't forget to change your clocks for Daylight Savings Time to begin Sunday, March 14th.

COMMUNITY TABLE

A Place is set for you!

All are welcome to come join us for a hot, delicious meal and share in fun and fellowship, learn about resources available in Noble County. This Community Meal which began last March is served each Monday and Thursday beginning at 5:00 p.m. Join us!!! You are always welcome.

Red Cross Bloodmobile Here March 5th

During the Lenten Season, many people "give up" something – others try to do more. You can do both by donating a pint of blood to the American Red Cross Blood Mobile held Friday, March 5, here at Trinity Church from 10:00 a. m. until 4:00 p.m. Call 1-800-448-3543 for an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.



Lenten Lunches 2010

We continue the wonderful tradition of gathering as a community at noon during the season of Lent. A wide variety of speakers and musicians from the community will help lead the time of worship, and of course, Jean Baker and Fran Moran have the food team going great, offering wonderful hospitality during the meal and afterwards.

Our theme this year is "Stations of the Cross" Lent is a time of reflection in regards to our relationship with God.

Just a reminder for those who may not know, these lunches are the Wednesdays of Lent (March 10, 17, 24, and 31) from noon to about 12:30 then we eat following our devotional worship time.

Noble County's Got Talent

The Board of Directors of Common Grace invites you to gather at Cole Auditorium (East Noble High School) on Sunday, March 7 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. Nineteen "acts" are scheduled to entertain you with a variety of talent. Admission and refreshments are free but feel free to bring a contribution to help your neighbors through Common Grace.

Thank You!

To my Trinity Church family:

Thank you, thank you, thank you! Thank you so much for your generosity, care, and prayers for my recent mission trip to Haiti. It was quite an amazing 10 days and I will be sharing it with you during worship sometime in the future. I was truly overwhelmed by the outpouring of donations to help pay for expenses and the generous donations of tents and medical supplies. Your monetary donations will more than cover the cost of my airfare and the few other expenses I had for the trip. I did take some cash with me and gave it to my friend Franck and his family to help cover their living expenses since the eye clinic where he worked was destroyed in the earthquake. I plan to take the money left over after all expenses are paid and put it toward another ticket this summer for a second mission trip to Haiti. If for some reason that trip does not happen, the money will be sent to Excel Mission and put toward future relief work in Haiti.

The trip would not have been possible without the help I received from my family at Trinity and your generosity. Thanks to each of you for your donations, and thank you so much for your prayers for the team and for our safety and well-being during the trip. None of us came home with anything more than a few ant bites!

Anita

Lift up in Prayer

A Ministry Cluster is a group of 4 to 9 local churches who choose to work together to accomplish the Gospel mission in their area, and it is also be a group of local churches who share common ministry needs and who work together to learn from each other. We have a rotation list of the churches in our cluster to lift up in prayer. This week (February 28-March 6) we will lift up in prayer Albion Asbury United Methodist Church. Next Week (March 7-March 13) we will lift up Albion Trinity United Methodist Church.

YOUR CHANCE TO BE A LOSER!

Losers are winners with First Place 4 Health, a Christ-centered health and weight-loss program! First Place 4 Health will help you create balance in the four core areas of your life—emotional, spiritual, mental and physical. The results? Weight loss and total health from the inside out!

First Place 4 Health (ladies weight-loss group) will begin a new 12 week session the week of April 5th on Mondays at 6:30 pm.

Celebrate Success, a new Bible study created for First Place 4 Health, explores what God's Word has to say about celebration and will help you discover ways to celebrate your life's milestones and victories in a way that glorifies God. All too often, it is easy to try to measure success when you have finally achieved some long-anticipated goal. But for those who strive to live a life pleasing to God, celebrating success can be a daily experience, not just an isolated event. In God's kingdom, celebration is always intended to reaffirm the commitment to a life lived in conformity to God's Word, which always gives reason for celebration regardless of the occasion!

Based on proven techniques and 25 years of experience, First Place 4 Health is the most complete Christ-centered healthy living program available

The Church Has Left The Building!

Join with our whole Trinity Church family for ReThinking



Church – Putting our Faith into Action during Lent. During these four weeks in Lent we will focus on biblical compassion, service and Christ's

heart for those in need through special small groups, daily devotionals and worship services. Then be a part of a landmark day in Trinity's history, when on March 21 we cancel all worship services and instead go worship through service in the community. Actually we will have a short "Launch" worship service to send us from within the walls out into our community.

We will be serving through these projects, all designed to directly touch lives and reflect Christ's love to others in our community: some that we are coordinating and finalizing details will be – making curtains for Lakewood, - cleaning up the cabins and camp at Lakewood, - possibly helping Common Grace with their new facility, - assembling Health Kits to be sent to Haiti and other places, - Prayer walking the neighborhood of the church building, - parking lot window cleaning. As you can see, there's a project for everyone, and we are shooting for 100% participation.

Sign ups for small groups has been happening, and sign ups for the service projects will be available as soon as details are confirmed. Faith in Action Participant Kits, which will guide you through the small group discussion as well as daily FaithStep devotions, are available now for \$7.00. Small Groups start the week of February 21.

We are not just serving the community, but serving with the community. So please begin now to ask God which family members, friends or neighbors you should invite to join our service projects on March 21. Together we can make a difference in our community!

Don't just go to church—BE the church as we ReThink Church, and put our Faith into Action during Lent. For more information, contact the pastor or staff member, or the office for the appropriate contact person for the respective need.

For more information how this coordinates with the national UMC campaign and focus, feel free to visit www.10thousanddoors.org.

ACQUIRE THE FIRE

March 12-13 -- Muncie, Ind.

All Jr./Sr. High Youth are invited to attend this amazing experience. Cost will be \$25.00 per person. We will leave the church at 4:30 Friday, March 12 and return late Saturday night. Contact Jon Zinnel for more information. *Youth—watch for information in the mail to you about this event.*